(c) the action taken by the Union Government on the said representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTYRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c). The Government of Kerala had represented vide its letter dated 20.7.89 to the Study Group appointed by the Ministry of Mines on revision of royalty and major minerals other than coal, lignite, and sand for stowing that royalty should not be related to the Pits Month value (PMV) but should be related to the difference between the selling price and cost of production and that it should be fixed at 50% of this difference. Chief Minister,Kerala vide his letter dated 6.9.91 also requested the Minister of Mines that the revision of royalty may be done as as suggested by the State Government immediately.

The concept that royalty should be related to the difference between the selling price and cost of the production and that it should be fixed at 50% of this difference is not in line with the basis for levy of royalty which is a charge due to the owner of the mineral for extraction of non renewable resource, it is unrelated to consideration of profitability.

The question of revision of royalty rates on minerals other than coal, lignite and sand for sand for stowing including atomic minerals like ilmenite, rutile, ziron etc., is under active consideration of the Government. A reply of Chief Minster, Kerala has also been sent on 18th November, 1991.

Subsidised Fertilisers to Farmers

2498. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:
SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTUTE be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines issued by the Union Government for providing subsided fertilisers to the small and marginal farmers;

(b) the amount provided and utilised by each State for the said purpose during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for not utilising the amount provided by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) Copy of guidelines issued by the Union Government on 14.8.91 and 21.8.91 to the State Government/Union Territories, regarding the scheme on Fertiliser Subsidy for Small and Marginal Farmers, are enclosed in Statement-I and II).

(b) and (c). The scheme was initiated during 1991-92. The allocation of Rs. 405 crores among the States/Union Territories and the amount released as first instalment on 16.9.91, is given in the attached Statement-III. Since the scheme was taken up only during the current year, the information of amount provided for, and utilised by different States/Union Territories for 3 years, does not arise.

STATEMENT-I

Copy of the Guideline Issued on 14-8-1991 Regarding the Scheme on "Fertiliser Subsidy for Small & Marginal Farmers"

Telex

From: Secretary,
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi.

To: Chief Secretaries/Agricultural Production Commissioners/Secretaries (Agriculture) of all States/Union Territories and Administrators of Union Territories

No: 21.4.91 (M) (.) Government of India has issued today, the 14th August, 1991 a Notification, in Super-Session of its Fertilisers Notified on 25th July (.) The average price increase is 30 percent now instead of the earlier 40 percent (.) The details of Fertilisers price have been telexed separately today(.)

(2) According to the Announcement in Parliament by the Finance Minister on 6th August, 1991 Modalities for exempting the small and marginal farmers from the effect fo the price increase of Fertilisers were to be evolved in consultation with the States (.) Details discussions were head with the States/Union Territories on the 7th ad 9th August, 1991 (.) The States/UTs were of th view that if tels schemas had to be implemented, then the Govt.of India may issued broad Guidelines while leaving some amount of flexibility to the States to evolve detailed scemes (.) The States would keep in mind the historical parrern of fertiliser consumption and distribution, Identify the Credit Channel for other Channels for delivering such subsided fertilisers to the cultivators (.)

(3) The total amount available for all States and Union Territories put together, is Rs. 405 Crores (.) An amount of Rs._____ crores has been earmarked for your State/UT for the financial year 1991-92 (.) The funds have been earmarked on the basis of the area held by the Small and Marginal farmers upto a limit of 2 hectares, and the average per hectare consumption of fertilisers during 1990-91 in each State(.) The funds will be released to you in instalments and you may intimate us your requirements for the months of august and September, Immediately and also for each of the next six months (.)

(4) You have the necessary flexibility in developing the system f reimbursement to the Small and Marginal farmers (.) however, the reimbursement should be related to proper Identification of the Small and Marginal farmers, proof of their having purchased the fertiliser, the area held by them, their previous use, and you may also keep in mind the quantity of fertilisers available in a given area for such subsidised supply (.)

(5) The detailed schemes may be drawn up by you and implemented with immediate effect(.) We may also be sent a copy of the schemers which you are implementing for our record (.) It is repeated that no additionally of funds over what has already been indicated above, would be available to any State (.) Best wishes

STATEMENT-II

Copy of Guideline Issued on 21-8-1991 Regarding the scheme on "Fertiliser Subsidy for Small and Marginal farmers"

From: Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi.

To: Chief Secretaries/Agricultural Production Commissioners/Secretaries (Agriculture) of all States/Union Territories and Administrators of Union Territories.

No. 21-4-91 (.) RFE my TLX message of even number dated 14-8-91 regarding fertiliser price revision and implementation of a price hike (.) In view of difficulties in

implementing the scheme as concede by State Governments, Adequate flexibility was given to the State Govts. in developing a scheme of reimbursement to small and beneficiaries (.) However, to ensure proper indemnification of benefactress and use of fertiliser etc. It is requested that the modalities for reaching the benefits to the Target Groups may be worked out using credit channels as the Chief Instrument for such delivery (.) detailed schemes may please be drawn up accordingly and a copy of the same may be sent for our record (.) Best wishes

N. I.B.T.

Secretary (Agri. & Coopn.)

Copy by post in confirmation of the above telex, kindly arrange to draw the scheme and send a copy of the same to this Ministry at you earliest convenience.

(M.R. MOTSARA)
Commissoner (FT)

STAREMENT-III

Statement indicating State/UTs wise allocation of funds under the scheme on Fertiliser Subsdy to Small and Marginal farmers and amount released under first instalment- (1991-92)

Name of States	*Allocation (Rs. in crores)*	*Amount Released (Rs. in crores)*
Andhra Pradesh	69.275	17.105
Karnataka	8.420	2.079
Kerala	12.137	2.997
Tamil Nadu	53.973	13.327
Gujarat	11.525	2.84
Madhya Pradesh	14.478	3.575
Maharashtra	31.757	7.841
Rajasthan	5.098	1.259
Goa	0.225	0.056
Haryana	7.604	1.878
Punjab	9.016	2.226
Uttar Pradesh	94.661	23.373

Name of States	*Allocation (Rs. in crores)*	*Amount Released (Rs. in crores)*
Himachal Pradesh	1.718	0.224
Jammu & Kashmir	2.830	0.699
Bihar	35.282	8.713
Orissa	5.742	1.418
West Bengal	37.002	9.136
Assam	1.479	0.365
Tripura	0.840	0.208
Manipur	0.525	0.130
Meghalaya	0.150	0.037
Nagaland	0.018	0.004
Sikkim	0.031	0.008
Aruanachal Pradesh	0.012	0.003
Mizoram	0.048	0.167
Pondicherry	0.678	0.167
Chandigarh	0.127*	In respect of these Uts without legislature, expenditure involved will be incurred by the administrations concord from their budget provision
Daman & Diu	0.03*	
Delhi	0.270*	
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0.050*	
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.008	
405.000	99.886	